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Firefighters battled this two-alarm blaze at 11501 Popes Head Road in Fairfax Station on January 8, 2003. The cape cod style house, which had been converted to commercial property was heavily involved upon arrival.



Edward L. Stinnette

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From The Fire Chief . . .

As I bring my career with the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department to a close, I find myself reflecting on what a great and rewarding 30 years I've spent with this organization. Looking back on three decades of service with our organization it is the people that have made my career so fulfilling. I have been very fortunate to have worked with such a diverse and dedicated group of individuals and to be involved with the dynamic teamwork associated with running an organization such as ours.

My tenure with this Department has been rewarding in many ways. I've been permitted to take the vision we had for our Department and the commitment you've provided each day to our citizens, and achieve a level of service that is second-to-none.

When I began my career, our profession was based upon the most modern and efficient operations of its day. Riding the back step of a fire engine was how we did business. There were no seat belts, no hearing protection, and no computers. But, at the time, we were state-of-the-art. Each generation of firefighters and paramedics is now provided with the best and the finest tools and equipment available. The safest clothing and the most modern communications are constantly being evaluated, tested, budgeted for, and then purchased. And each generation of firefighters looks back at the prior generation and wonders how different it was at the beginning.

During my tenure with the Department I have seen many things change, and during these past four years as Fire Chief, we strived to improve our service delivery and expanded the role we play within the community.

Lately, I have been asked what accomplishments I would consider noteworthy as my career comes to a close. It is important to remember that without the hard work and dedication of the members of this organization, these accomplishments would not be possible. Many initiatives were started and many are still in progress. But I believe the things that have made a difference and will affect our organization in the future include:

- We initiated a detailed Strategic Planning process;
- We improved the diverse make-up of our Department to better represent the community we serve;
- We added about 60 additional uniformed and civilian positions;
- We enhanced firefighter health and safety by purchasing new SCBA, thermal imaging cameras, portable radios for every riding position, implementing a Hepatitis C program for employees and retirees, opened a gear cleaning shop, and adopted the NIIMS IC/Unified Command system; and,
- We committed, through a joint labor/management relationship, to improve the future of our profession by enhancing our recruitment process and adopting the Candidates Physical Abilities Test (CPAT).

It has been an honor and a privilege to be given the opportunity to lead this superb organization. I have had a very rewarding career and will miss the great people I have served with and the lasting friendships I've formed throughout my career. Be safe and thank you for all your support. ❖

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From The Editor . . .



Marketing an organization is always a challenging undertaking. Depending on the type of organization it can be even more demanding and difficult to get positive news out to your audience. We all know the bad stuff gets out quickly with hardly any effort by the affected organization. The size and type of market that we reside in is an important variable that greatly impacts the media coverage. The Washington metropolitan area is the eighth largest media market in the country, and is home to our executive, legislative, and judicial branches of the federal government. As such, news is being made everywhere, all-the-time all competing for headlines, and sound bites.

The picture I'm trying to paint is that everyone needs to pitch-in and help when we have news and people that we can prominently feature to the media. Daily operations that involve fire, rescue, and EMS is only part of what we do. There is much that goes on at the station level that is of specific and general interest to the media and their audiences. Some of it we know about, some of it gets unnoticed. We would like to know more about the happenings that go on (sometimes unnoticed) so that we can help tell that story. The media will oftentimes usually get wind of the "compelling C's" story involving: catastrophe, crisis, conflict, crime/corruption, and color. It's the other stories that show another side that we are trying to get out.

What kind of stories are we talking about? An entire recruit school giving blood during a critical shortage. Receiving 18 infrared imaging cameras and why they help firefighters and

citizens alike. Coordinating a massive Christmas toy drive that lasted several days. Some of these stories were told by the media, and some were not. All of us understand that if we don't know about it; we can't market it or get the media involved. We need your help in doing this important task. We have a greater challenge sometimes because of 39 or 40 work locations and three separate shifts—the flow and timeliness of information isn't always easy to get out. I can't promise a story will be born out of every news lead. However, I do know that if we don't know about it, it most likely won't get reported.

Additionally, If we can't sell it externally, we definitely can sell it internally in Line Copy for our members see and read about.

We ask your help in providing the seed to plant so that we can tell some of these worthy and great stories about our members and what they do. We'll do our best to get stories to the media and generate interest. ♦

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How Do You Respond To A Gang Related Incident?

*By Captain II Floyd Ellmore
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Gangs can be defined as a group of people working together. While this may, and should, sound quite innocent, there are gangs located in Fairfax County and neighboring jurisdictions that are working together, but for criminal purposes.

In Fairfax County alone there are several gangs. These include: The Bloods, Crips, Asian Gang Family, and the most notorious Mara Salvatrucha (MS-13). Each of these gangs are actively recruiting the younger population throughout the County. Mara Salvatrucha has been in the media spotlight on numerous occasions, including murder. They have been linked to at least four killings in Northern Virginia alone. Their membership is growing rapidly and they will kill you if you cross them. Contact with this group should be considered a high-risk and dangerous undertaking.

According to the Fairfax County Police Gang Unit, the following high schools in Fairfax County are known to have a MS-13 presence: Annandale, Stuart, Falls Church, Herndon, Chantilly, Lake Braddock, Lee, West Potomac, Centreville, South Lakes, McLean, West Springfield, and Westfields. These are known sites. There is a probability that there is a presence in other schools, but not yet confirmed.

It is important for each of us to recognize the signs of gang activity. Things to look for include: graffiti, groups of people presenting a certain color of clothing, people flashing hand signals, a display of gang related activity, and individuals displaying tattoos. Your own safety, as well as other members of your unit, may be jeopardized if you fail to see the signs of gang activity during emergency calls.



Graffiti is a way for gangs to mark their territory. It has actually been called the "newspaper in the streets." Each gang has its own unique symbols and cryptic type of writing. Graffiti upside down or crossed out is generally a put down or threat to a rival gang or person.

Colors represent a gang member's membership by wearing a specific gang logo, a particular color of clothing, a specific brand name of clothing or clothing worn in a pre-defined manner. Specifically, colors identify the gang member and show member pride and affiliation.

Hand signals are just another means of communication. Symbols formed and flashed with the fingers, hand, and body have very specific meaning to the gang. Different words and phrases can also relate to a specific meaning to each member.

Tattoos are some of the most obvious signs of gang membership. They are proudly displayed

by the member in a variety of ways. Many MS-13 members have a tattoo of a tear drop from one eye. This tells other members that they have killed someone.

There are a number of precautions we should take when responding to incidents in areas that are known gang hangouts. In the event of a shooting, stabbing, or domestic situation involving a gang member, we should respond and stage at least two blocks from the incident scene and wait for the police to declare the scene safe. This is a recommendation from the Fairfax County Police.

There was an incident in Los Angeles where a fire department unit staged within sight of a shooting victim that happened to be an MS-13 member. The officer on the fire truck would not go near the scene until the police declared it safe. When it was obvious to the gang that the fire truck wasn't moving, the gang let loose with gun fire towards the firefighters almost striking one of them. Hence, the reason for parking two blocks away, out of sight.

Doors to the units should be kept closed and, if possible, one member remains outside with the unit. In the event that gunfire erupts, use the apparatus as a shield. It is preferred that you position yourself behind the wheel if outside; this offers the greatest protection.

In the event you are caught in a situation where gang members may be present during patient treatment and police have not yet arrived, actions to take include several recommendations. First make an attempt to locate a friend or perhaps a firefighter that speaks their language and use them to talk to the group or individual to assure them that their member is receiving the best possible care. There may be a need to create calm out of chaos if a fight breaks out or the scene becomes unsafe, use every attempt to calm the person and call for a 13F. Ensure that one of the firefighters on the scene is assigned the responsibility of "look-out." The "look-out" firefighter is simply watching for anything that does not look safe for the rest of the crew. It may not be prudent to run from the scene. This may tell the gang members that you are abandoning their member. This could result in you and your

crew becoming victims.

The bottom line is that gangs can be found almost in any area we respond. We must be prepared to recognize gang activity in our areas and respond in a way that places the safety of our personnel as our highest priority. Whether you work in an area that outwardly depicts signs of gangs or not, we should be prepared to deal with situations involving gang members—your life may depend on it.

For further information on gang activity in your area, feel free to contact the Fairfax County Police Gang Unit at 703-246-7815. They can offer a station briefing for your shift. Moreover, they can provide you all the information you need to assist you in the event you respond to a gang related incident. ❖

February 5, 2003

Chief Stinnette,

I am writing to you to tell you what a great group of men and women you have at Station 39, North Point.

I am living here on Seneca Road with my parents, who are both in bad health. I left my wife and family both in Palm Bay, Florida, left a job to come up here and take care of my parents.

My folks were telling me about the wonderful men and women at the station. Of course, I didn't pay much attention until I witnessed, for myself, the love and friendship of your people. They, with all their hearts and professionalism, do all that they can to provide service to Mom and Dad.

They go out of their way to see that Mom and Dad are okay, and if they need anything. The people at Station 39 are a caring group of people. They're an asset to the community, and I hope you have more like them in the county. May God bless you and the men and women at Station 39!

Regards,
Tony Sullivan

Tactics Talk

*By Captain I David Greg Lange
Fire and Rescue Station 13, C-Shift*

As a standing member of the Department's 'Firefighting and Operations Manuals' Committee, I would like to talk to you about a few situations regarding hose line placement. These are situations where the size-up indicates the need for the first two lines to be stretched simultaneously, and to two different locations. These are common situations we encounter and involve fires located in the following areas:

- Fires in walk out basements
- Fires in attached garages/carports
- Fires in attached rear decks/enclosures

Most of these types of fires are discussed in the operating manuals, but I feel that a little more insight might make our intent clearer. I know some people may regard the manuals as an etched in stone guide to operations, but in reality they are only etched on disc, and subject to update and improvement. It is always expected that the first arriving Engine Company Officer (ECO) perform and complete the size-up, develop an Incident Plan (IP), and implement the tactics required to execute that plan.

One of the things I do during my size-up is to 'pigeonhole' the type of fire I am trying to deal with. Is this a second floor bedroom fire, first floor kitchen fire, fire originating in the walls, outside fire in the rear of the structure, etc.? The only way I can do this is to gain information by interviewing bystanders, completing a good size up, and locating the fire. Once this is done, it's time to categorize (pigeonhole) this incident and form an IP. The plan comes from what I have learned as a firefighter coming up through the ranks, reading texts and manuals, and past successes and failures (we won't talk about the

failures). Once I have pigeonholed the fire, I should be able to easily assign companies where they need to be and communicate what they need to do. Easy, right?

In the traditional standard model, the first line positions itself in a location to confine and extinguish the fire from a place in the structure that is between occupants and/or the unburned structure. The second line backs up the first in case the fire flow of the first line is not adequate to confine and extinguish the fire. The third line, if needed will be positioned above the fire area for vertical extension. Elementary I realize, but worth repeating for those newer to the fire service.

The types of fire that are listed above can be a tad more difficult. In my opinion, they typically require two lines to be quickly, if not simultaneously, positioned in different specific tactical locations within the structure. The third line will then have to serve as the back up line for the line actually operating to extinguish the fire, should the flow of the line be insufficient. A fourth line may be required to cover possible vertical extension in the structure.

As we all have experienced, if we don't get water on the fire rapidly, the fire will get bigger. (Not rocket science I know.)

Some of my failures have been due to this problem, but I won't dwell on that issue. In an effort to pass on what little practical experience I have gained from my successes, I propose the following:

Fires in Walk Out Basements

First, you have to recognize that a walk out basement exists and that is where the fire is located. Second, you should determine the extent of the fire or percentage of involvement. This is where you need to make a critical

decision.

If the fire is in a location in the basement, and of a size that you can quickly stretch the first line to the walk out entrance, push in and knock the fire down, then do so. This requires a rapid deployment of the attack line (which is why we train), quick access to the fire area and rapid knock down with a straight stream pattern. If this is the plan you chose, then the second line needs to be deployed to the top of the interior stairs to protect search crews and stop vertical extension.

The third line may be deployed to back-up the line in the basement if needed, but due to the moderate size of the fire in this model, the first line should be sufficient to extinguish and mop up the fire area and floor.

If the fire is advanced, and likely to be extending vertically up the interior stairway and through other vertical voids, then the first line should be deployed to the top of the interior stairway to hold the fire in check, preventing it from extending up towards possible occupants and search crews. This is a serious position as the line is over the fire on a platform that is being eaten away by the fire below. Type of construction and floor conditions need to be assessed, along with the deployment time and success probability of the second line.

The second line needs to be deployed and positioned as rapidly as possible, if not simultaneously, to the basement walk out entrance for quick knock down of the fire. The second line must be operated in a straight stream pattern and its effectiveness monitored.

If the second line is delayed or unable to complete their assignment, this must be communicated to the Incident Commander (IC) and the ECO on the first line. If the second line is not available or will be delayed, the first line should be operated down the stairs and advanced after knock down if it's safe. If the first line is not effective from the top of the stairs and conditions deteriorate, then withdrawal should be ordered and an exterior attack should be prepared.

The first and second lines are deployed to

different tactical locations, but as they are operating on different floors, they are not opposing one another risking harm.

A third line should be deployed to back up the second line in the basement and a fourth line to support the line above the fire or to operate on the second floor or attic.

Fires in Attached Garages/Carports

These fires once again depend on location, size, and extent of the fire. If the fire is of a size that will allow advancement and extinguishment without pushing fire into the interior living area, then do so.

The status of the interior door from the garage/carport must be known. If this door is closed, the first line should be stretched into the garage through the overhead vehicle door and the second line into the living area to manage any horizontal extension.

If this door is open or burned away, then the first line should be deployed into the living area to prevent horizontal spread of the fire. The second line should be deployed simultaneously into the garage/carport through the vehicle door to extinguish the fire. Both lines should not attempt to extinguish the fire at the same time as this would create opposing lines and injury may occur. If the second line is delayed, the first line should push in through the interior door and extinguish the fire. Typically, the flow of whichever line is operated to extinguish the fire will be sufficient to knock down fires of this type and location.

A third line may be required to handle vertical extension into the attic or second floor.

Fires in Attached Rear Decks/Enclosures

These types of fires have become common due to improper disposal of fireplace ashes or leaving heating devices too close to combustibles. These fires have an abundant supply of air and combustible fuel, and have access to rapid exterior vertical extension into

upper floors and attics. These types of fires are not to be confused with a fire in a rear addition, as this should be attacked as a simple rear room fire.

I will offer my thoughts on this type of situation, which differs from the traditional model.

Once again these fires require the first two lines to be deployed to different locations at the same time, if possible. I believe that in order to quickly knock down this type of fire a line needs to extinguish the burning components in the rear and a line needs to extinguish the fire that may have extended into the structure. The order of line placement will depend on the arrival time of the second engine company.

If the first engine company will be operating alone for the initial period of the fire, the first line should be deployed to the rear of the structure to knock down the seat of the fire and delay the exterior extension. This line needs to be operated in such a manner as to not drive the fire into the structure.

Operating the line so the straight stream flows parallel to the rear side of the structure, extinguishing and knocking burning debris away from the home can also be very effective. As always, if we don't put water on the seat of the fire, it will continue to grow.

The engine operator or the EMS crew can stretch the second line to the front door and this line can be charged and readied for advancement in to the structure. Once the fire is knocked down in the rear, the first engine crew can leave the first line in place and proceed to the front to advance the second line onto the structure and address any interior extension. Upon arrival of the second engine company, they can re-staff the first line in the rear to mop up any fire, which may have been missed or rekindled.

Some may elect to have the EMS crew advance the second line into the structure, but I tend to recommend against this as it removes a treatment team for any injured occupants that may be found. They may be able to staff the unattended line in the rear and still be available to render aide. Sorry EMS, but you are dispatched to fires for injured occupants or firefighters.

Should two engine companies arrive on the scene close together, the crew of the first engine company should deploy and operate the line that is going to most greatly affect the outcome of the operation. This specific line will be decided by the amount of exterior extension into the house or attic that is observed from the rear size-up. If little extension is observed, go to the rear and let second due have the interior, if a lot of extension, go inside and second due will handle the rear. Effective communication is needed here and the ability to bully the second ECO. (Oops, just kidding.)

A third line will typically be needed to assist with interior extension, either above the level of the fire origin or in the attic.

Planning for these types of fires is what is expected of us as professional fire officers, and not to have thought about and discussed these situations would be inappropriate. The fire ground is not the place for trial and error as we, I, have done in the past. I hope this discussion about the tactical approach to extinguishing these types of fires help, and I do not claim that these are the only methods to be effective in these situations. I offer them as a tool to be placed in your toolbox that might be used as the size-up indicates. The better prepared we are, the more effective we will be. 'Murphy' still tends to show up at some fires, and despite my best planning and training, I still blow it. That is what we call humility, and that keeps us trying harder and doing better. Stay safe and busy. ❖

Child Safety Seat Reminders

When a citizen calls or visits a station requesting child safety seat assistance:

DO...direct to a certified technician if one is on-duty at **your** station.

DO NOT...Refer them to another station or the Public Information/Life Safety Education Office.

Otherwise:

DO...offer printed "self-help" information

DO...Guide them to internet resources

DO...Refer them to the Hotline (703-280-0559)

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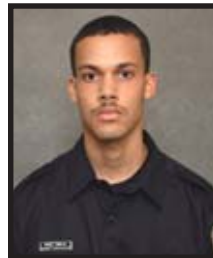
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An Important Core Value: *Diversity*

By Captain II Richard A. Sweatt
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Diversity is one of the eight core values within the Department. The organization defines diversity this way: "We know Fairfax County is a diverse community, and we commit to meeting its ever-changing needs. We are dedicated to reflecting and respecting that diversity throughout our organization. We will respect the diversity of our community by providing compassionate and quality service to all."

Two key concepts appear in this definition: One is **reflecting** diversity and the other is **respecting** diversity.

Internally, diversity must be reflected in the composition of our workforce. It involves all of the individuals who make up our Department including uniformed, civilian, and volunteer personnel. These individuals may be new recruits or seasoned veterans. They may be of many different ages, backgrounds, and religious and political affiliations.

Externally, the community we serve is just as diverse. Fairfax County's population topped the one million mark this year. This includes multi-generational homes, new immigrants, and well-

established families. Over 30 percent of the people in Fairfax County speak a language other than English at home. The workforce population swells the numbers of citizens who may call upon the Fire and Rescue Department for services in the Tysons corridor. Travelers from around the world view Fairfax County and the

Washington metropolitan area as a major tourist area. All of these aspects enhance the diversity of those we serve.

Most of us were brought up with the golden rule, "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you." The premise of this value is that anyone should treat others as we expect to be treated.

Try another perspective on for size. How about treating others the way they would want to be treated?

This is definitely something to think about. The way you expect to be treated is based on **YOUR** personal values and beliefs. Yet in an increasingly culturally diverse community, the way you want to be treated may not be the same as the co-worker, volunteer, or citizen you come in contact with. To put it another way, what is normal for you may not be normal to someone else. The "cultural filters" through which we

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American Indian/ Alaskan Native Female	0
Asian Female	0.1
Hispanic Female	0.2
American Indian/ Alaskan Native Male	0.6
Black Female	1
Asian Male	1.7
Hispanic Male	3.7
White Female	6.2
Black Male	16.3
White Male	70.2

view life are more than just gender, ethnicity, and race. There are many cultural filters including education, parents, media, friends, and age. One's status in the organization and in the community may also be reflected in these filters.

As providers and co-workers, we need to recognize that these cultural filters influence our everyday lives. For example, something as seemingly simple as making eye contact. Most of us were brought up to believe that looking someone in the eye when we were talking to them was the accepted and preferred way to respond. Did you know, however, that many cultures regard looking directly into the eyes of another as a sign of disrespect? If you look directly into the eyes of a patient who is already dealing with a life trauma, what message might you be sending?

In order to achieve our vision of being the best fire and rescue department, we must understand the role of our stated core values. Respecting everyone's differences and treating our co-workers, volunteers, and the citizens we serve with dignity at all times is of paramount importance if we expect to effectively accomplish our mission.

Diversity, in concert with the other seven core values, will mean nothing if we as an organization do not abide by them 24 hours a day, seven days a week, at all levels within the Department.

As we strive to be second-to-none, we must recognize that in order to be the best requires a continuing re-evaluation of this organization and recognizing the things we have done wrong or the things we can do better and committing to correct them. This process of checks and balances will always be in place with the development of our strategic plan which is based on our Vision, Mission, and Core Values. ♦

The Aluminum Cans for Burned Children (ACBC) Program

*By Lieutenant Mark D. Stone
Public Information and Life Safety Education*

With the faces in the Department changing year after year, it is easy to fall behind with respect to keeping personnel informed about programs and initiatives we support. For instance, while many of you have become very involved in ACBC, still many others know it only by name.

The mission of the Washington Regional Fire and Rescue Department's Aluminum Cans for Burned Children (ACBC) is to prevent burns and improve the quality of life for young burn survivors and their families by providing funding for research, annual therapeutic residential burn camps and other year-round activities that support their physical, psychological, and social needs.

The Washington Regional Fire and Rescue Departments Aluminum Cans for Burned Children program has been in existence since 1989. We are a 501© 3 non-profit organization made up of fire departments in Fairfax, Arlington, Alexandria, and Prince William in Virginia, as well as Montgomery County, Maryland. A Board of Directors, made up of fire and rescue personnel, oversees activities, including fund-raising and disbursement of funds.

BURN CAMP

Support and participation in regional burn camps is a primary effort for ACBC. Through our program, counselors are first screened, interviewed, and then trained to become both companions and mentors at burn camp.

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Hot Shots



A two-alarm fire resulted in 50 firefighters dispatched to this single-family, cape cod style home located at 2921 Summerfield Road. Through an aggressive attack, the fire was brought under control in approximately 30 minutes. Two adults were home at the time of the fire. Damage was estimated at \$250,000. The cause of the fire is under investigation. (Top left and right)



After the big snow on March 15, 16, and 17, 2003, residents of Fairfax County were asked to dig out their neighborhood fire hydrants to assist firefighters. This hydrant is located on Charles Stewart Drive in the Fair Oaks area of the county.



Firefighters arrived on the scene of this single-family home at 1604 River Farm Drive, Mount Vernon, reported heavy fire through the roof. Two firefighters suffered minor injuries and were treated and transported to Inova Mount Vernon Hospital. The fire displaced two adults, three children, and three family pets. Damage is estimated at \$1,000,000. The cause was determined to be electrical, related to home renovation.



Drapes were ignited when a halogen lamp was placed too close to the window in this three-story garden apartment building located at 9201 Heather Ridge Court in the Lorton area. Firefighters extinguished the fire in approximately 25 minutes. A nine-year-old child was at home when the fire started, but escaped without injury. Two adults and two children were displaced and damage to the apartment unit was estimated at \$80,000.



Salvage and overhaul operations are underway after firefighters complete the initial knockdown on this heavily involved structure fire. (See cover photo.)



On February 22, 2003, Engine 429, Truck 429, Rescue 439, Medic 439, Battalion Chief 02, EMS1, Boats 412-1 and 412-2, and the Zodiac support unit responded to a woman trapped in her car because of high water at Beulah and Browns Mill Road. Company 12's crew did a shallow water crossing to rescue the woman. Photo submitted by Captain II Walter T. Brown, Fire and Rescue Station 12, B-Shift.

Awards & Presentations

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Technician John T. Pizzo

Fire Station 10, C- Shift

Master Technician Timothy A. Sparrow
Technician Daniel D. Shaw
Technician James H. Williams
Firefighter Richard D. Riley
Firefighter Scott E. Herbert
Firefighter David S. Geartner
Firefighter Jason M. Roberts
Firefighter Rolando E. Contreras
Firefighter Michael S. Snapp

6901 Victoria Drive

Engine 405

Lieutenant Kit Hessel
Master Technician David J. May
Firefighter Kenneth W. Clark
Firefighter Gregory B. Affeldt

Medic 405

Captain I Lynn L. Jadot
Technician Marlin J. Hood

EMS5

Captain II Vernon L. Corbin

Career Achievement Award

Firefighter Cecil C. Starkey
Captain I Keith H. Johnson
Technician Larry L. Duncan
Firefighter Richard D. Riley

Safe Driving Awards

3 Years

Lieutenant John N. Oudekerk
Technician Patrick Sheehan
Firefighter Blake L. Myers
Firefighter Janet T. Norko
Firefighter Gregory W. Hunter
Firefighter Colleen M. Wuckovich

6 Years

Lieutenant Felecia L Manns
 Technician William E. Teal
 Technician Patrick J. Keenan
 Firefighter Clevis R Hooker
 Master Technician John L. Capps
 Technician Mark C. Johnson

15 Years Distinguished Driving

Firefighter Llyod W. Coburn
 Technician Michael W. Conover
 Master Technician Greg D. Washinko
 Firefighter Kenneth W. Cornett

Citizen Recognition

Hossein A. Hamed
 James Miller, Jr.



Captain I John Niemiec (center) accepts the Don Smith Award from County Executive Anthony H. Griffin (left) and Supervisor Gerald W. Hyland, Mount Vernon District (right). The Don Smith Award was given to Captain Niemiec for his outstanding contribution to the Fire and Rescue Department in completing the Department's Exposure Control Plan which now meets or exceeds federal and state laws and regulations and his work on passage of the Presumption Bill. As the Infection Control and Prevention Officer in the Occupational Health and Safety Division, he has shared his considerable expertise with many county agencies on medical/health programs.



Congratulations . . . for the second year in a row Fire and Rescue Station 31, C-Shift, won the award for the most people in attendance from one shift/office (the entire shift attended) at the 10th Annual Firefighters' Fund Retirement Celebration. This year the 11th Annual Firefighters' Fund Retirement Celebration will be held on November 8, 2003, at the Waterford at Fair Oaks (C-Shift is working). From left to right: Firefighter Keith F. Bresnahan, Technician Douglas E. Butler, Captain I Glenn F. Tschann, Technician John P. Jones, Firefighter Matthew T. Cox, Master Technician Leslie C. Smith, and Firefighter Brian J. Bonkoski.



Lieutenant Joseph J. Vacchio (left) and Captain Garrett L. Dyer graduated from the 42nd session of the Fairfax County Criminal Justice Academy February 12, 2003. Captain Dyer received the Instructors Award and was rated fifth in the overall academic standings. Lieutenant Vacchio was elected the class vice president. Captain Dyer and Lieutenant Vacchio are assigned to Fire Prevention.



Safe Driving Awards, for three to fifteen years of safe driving, were presented by Battalion Chief John White and Captain II Anne Tennant to personnel in the Fire Inspections Branch. Back Row: Battalion Chief John White, Dave Holland, Mike Clark, Howard Bailey, Lenny Smoot, and Steve Beebe. Front Row: Mike Andreano, Robert Kesock, Debbie Schafer, Maryalice Daly, and Captain II Anne Tennant.

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Naturally, kids and counselors create lasting relationships after spending a week together in a fun and challenging environment. Since many of our counselors have been in the program for a long time, they have witnessed kids literally grow up and move into adulthood. In addition, "Visitor's Day" activities have been strongly supported by Wind and Fire, the Women's Combat Challenge Team, Fire and Rescue Station 9, C-Shift, Life Safety Education staff, and many more over the years.

Currently, ACBC is directly involved in both the Central Virginia Burn Camp in Charlottesville, Virginia, and the IAFF National Burn Camp held locally each year. Central Virginia Burn Camp, primarily sponsored by the Virginia Professional Firefighters, takes place in the month of June while a Winter Camp is also held that provides burn survivors a host of activities during February. National Burn Camp brings survivors and counselors to the DC Metro area from across the country and Canada. Area fire and rescue departments, locals, and other participating organizations support this annual event.

FUNDING

Support for ACBC comes in many ways. As a 501© 3 organization, we are listed in the Combined Charitable Campaign (code # - 8129). We receive donations from the general public as well as businesses, large and small. Also, group, club, and school efforts like the one initiated by Bobby Burlingame and FS11 at Groveton Elementary School have received great community support.

In fact, donations in recent years from special events have enabled the program to expand our support considerably. Unmatched in the "partnership" category is Kilroys Restaurant. Through the efforts of owner Pip Thomas and the tireless support of Master Technician Mike Stone, Captain II Chuck Jacobi, and other firefighters, and a loyal and generous following of businesses, contractors, and individuals, we continue to greatly improve the lives of young burn survivors.

And finally, as the name implies, we receive a steady flow of support through the collection of aluminum cans. At fire and rescue stations, schools, and businesses throughout Fairfax and the region, as far as Winchester and Spotsylvania, "can wagons" and/or "Toters" are located at collection sights. Employees and residents alike fill these containers and they are then recycled through an agreement with local recyclers. Funds are then distributed to ACBC. A new initiative in the making will partner ACBC with Fairfax County Department of Public Works and

Community Outreach Highlights



Reverend Grace Ellen Rice and members of the Culmore United Methodist Church, and Fire and Rescue Station 10, C-Shift, on November 22, 2002. Reverend Rice, along with members of the congregation presented C-Shift personnel with a plaque of appreciation and a catered lunch for their continued community support.

provide a "roll-away" aluminum can collection site at the West Ox Landfill. This is anticipated to bring a significant amount of both cans and awareness to the program.

HELP WANTED

While the program is enjoying obvious successes, we still need continued and additional support.

Plans are under way to replace the aging "wagons" located throughout the area. A chain-link, gated bin will be taking their place. For those areas that are not currently getting on-site pick-up, wagons will be overhauled and made "street legal." Personnel at stations are encouraged, like many do already, to make the upkeep of these collection bins part of their

station maintenance activity. It only takes a scoop shovel and a few large bags to keep these sites manageable.

Firefighters are always needed to help with camp "Visitor's Days," the Annual Holiday Party, and special events at places such as Kilroy's and Rock Bottom Brewery in Arlington and other special events such as the recent hockey game in Ashburn.

Probably the most important (and sometimes misunderstood) part about the ACBC program is that "it belongs to you!"

Every uniformed and civilian employee of the participating organizations has ownership in the program. Each and every time ACBC holds an event or otherwise promotes burn prevention, the fire service is being represented. As a relatively simple initiative to handle as a station-

based community effort, it says volumes for what we, as fire and rescue personnel, are here to do.

More information on ACBC can be found at www.acbcprogram.org, or calling an ACBC Director. ♦

Top 10 Activity Report

December 2002/January 2003

Ambulance

Unit	Calls
A 413	599
A 408	514
A 409	493
A 430	482
A 434	470
A 411	458
A 410	447
A 414	437
A 436	425
A 428	404

Engine Company

Unit	Calls
E 409	717
E 410	707
E 401	704
E 422	704
E 408	703
E 421	701
E 429	684
E 413	672
E 404	656
E 411	629

Rescue Company

Unit	Calls
R 421	388
R 418	367
R 426	367
R 401	311
R 411	289
R 439	253
R 414	224
R 419	197

Medic

Unit	Calls
M 418	750
M 408	602
M 426	602
M 422	598
M 421	595
M 410	577
M 404	575
M 425	566
M 409	562
M 429	562

Battalion Chiefs & EMS Captains

Unit	Calls
EMS4	407
EMS3	395
EMS2	385
EMS5	384
EMS6	300
EMS1	291
BC03	209
BC04	199
BC02	156
BC06	153

Ladder Company

Unit	Calls
T 429	383
T 410	367
T 408	334
T 425	316
T 422	313
T 430	290
T 436	278
T 405	264
T 401	242
T 411	222

ACBC Board of Directors

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Fairfax Director
Renee Stilwell

Treasurer and Arlington Director
Curtis Stilwell

Alexandria and Winchester Director
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Prince William Director
Haddon Culp

Rappahannock Director
Mark Stone

Unit activity is compiled from the event history file. A unit must be dispatched to a call or added on to be counted. Mutual aid dispatches are included in the activity report.



Fairfax "Fire Chiefs" Ice Hockey Team Wins Title in First Season

*By Technician Brent M. Schnupp
Fire and Rescue Station 30, A-Shift*

During the summer/fall of 2002 members of Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department formed the first ever Department ice hockey team to begin play at the Ashburn Ice House. The team has a wide range of skill levels from true beginners playing on their first organized team to players with years of playing experience. The team entered into the C1 or beginners division with hopes of having a winning season and more importantly improving our skill levels for future seasons.

During the regular season, The Chiefs went 10-9-1 and finished third in the standings, not bad for our first season as an organized team. The playoffs were upon us and The Chiefs turned up the heat and never looked back. Lead by superior goaltending by Captain I Bobby Zoldos, The Chiefs went 3-0 with back-to-back shutouts during the playoffs and won the league title in first season. The league scoring title was won by Lieutenant Bob Banasik and finished the season ranked number one in team defense and number two in team offense.

The team is currently in its second season and we are alone in first place with a 10-0-1 record and have won the last 13 games going back to last season playoffs. If you are interested in catching a game contact Brent Schnupp or

Captain Bobby Zoldos at Fire and Rescue Station 30, A-Shift, for a full season schedule.

On March 1 at 4 p.m., The Chiefs, along with players from Arlington, District of Columbia, and Montgomery County will be taking on the retired Washington Capitals Alumni team in a benefit

game at the Ashburn Ice House. Former Capital All Stars like Rod Langway, Craig Laughlin, Ivan Lebra, Bugsy Watson, and Mark Tinordi will be on the ice to take us on. All proceeds from the game will go to Aluminum Cans for Burned



The Chiefs

Children. Please come out to support the team and watch a great local charity. Bring the kids for a great day of hockey, fun, autographs, and pictures from the Capitals Alumni after the game.



The Chiefs Roster

Brent Schnupp
Fire and Rescue Station 30
A-Shift

Todd Obrien
Fire and Rescue Station 18
B-Shift

Bob Banasik
Fire and Rescue Station 1
B-Shift

Keith Cross
Fire and Rescue Station 1
A-Shift

Bobby Zoldos
Fire and Rescue Station 37
B-Shift

T. J. Cabrera
Fire and Rescue Station 26
C-Shift

Large Loss Fire Investigations

Date: 9/12/02 Box: 2319 Address: 8110 Collins Street Type: House Cause: Accidental-Kitchen Value: \$335,000 Loss: \$335,000 Status: Closed
Date: 9/14/02 Box: 4407 Address: 1108 Treeside Lane Type: House Cause: Accidental-Electrical Value: \$350,000 Loss: \$150,000 Status: Closed
Date: 9/16/02 Box: 0420 Address: 2211 Farougi Court Type: House Cause: Undetermined Value: \$170,000 Loss: \$50,000 Status: Inactive
Date: 9/25/02 Box: 3500 Address: 7607 Seabrook Lane Type: House Cause: Accidental-Combustible Value: \$550,000 Loss: \$100,000 Status: Closed
Date: 9/27/02 Box: 1912 Address: 9123 Aspenpark Court Type: Townhouse Cause: Accidental-Electrical Value: \$130,000 Loss: \$100,000 Status: Closed
Date: 9/29/02 Box: 0815 Address: 5004 Wills Lane Type: House Cause: Accidental-Smoking Value: \$166,043 Loss: \$150,000 Status: Closed
Date: 10/12/02 Box: 2506 Address: 11032 Granby Court Type: House Cause: Accidental-Electrical Value: \$200,000 Loss: \$50,000 Status: Closed
Date: 10/12/02 Box: 3515 Address: 7506 Rolling Road Type: House Cause: Accidental-Electrical Value: \$244,965 Loss: \$50,000 Status: Closed
Date: 10/12/02 Box: 1192 Address: 2130 Huntington Avenue Type: House Cause: Accidental-Kitchen Value: \$105,465 Loss: \$50,000 Status: Closed
Date: 10/14/02 Box: 1922 Address: 7533 Tralee Woods Court Type: Townhouse Cause: Accidental-Candle Value: \$130,000 Loss: \$50,000 Status: Closed
Date: 10/19/02 Box: 2500 Address: 11689 North Shore Drive Type: Apartment Cause: Accidental-Smoking Value: \$150,000 Loss: \$50,000 Status: Closed

Ed Gramling
Fire and Rescue Station 18
B-Shift

Steve Onufrey
Fire and Rescue Station 29
C-Shift

John Neimiec
Occupational Health and
Safety

Chuck Ryan
Fire and Rescue Station 10
B-Shift

Sam Gray
Fire and Rescue Station 1
A-Shift

Keith Ludaman
Fire and Rescue Station 15
B-Shift

Gary Vozzola
Fire and Rescue Station 36
B-Shift

Keith Cerzullo
Fire and Rescue Station 26
B-Shift

Mike Garcia
Fire and Rescue Station 11
B-Shift

Tom Polera
Arlington County
Fire Department

Bill Kang
Montgomery County
Fire Department

Kristen Wallace
Fire and Rescue Station 17
C-Shift

Rudy Doering
District of Columbia
Fire Department

Phil Gervais
Arlington Count
Fire Department

Pete Masters
Fire and Rescue Station 1
A-Shift

Randy Schwartz
Fire and Rescue Station 11
C-Shift

John Peters
Fire and Rescue Station 24
B-Shift

Matt Black
Fire and Rescue Station 11
C-Shift

John Macinyak
Fire and Rescue Station 22
B-Shift

"Taking Up"



Master Technician
Olin E. (Gene) Carper

Entry Date: December 12, 1973
Retirement Date: December 27, 2002
Assignments: Fire and Rescue
Stations: 4, 8, 12, 29, 32, and 36.

Likes about the Fire Department: Working with some great people.
Will miss about the Fire Department: Working with those same people.
Plans for the future: None.
Words of wisdom: Plan now for retirement.

Who or what made an influence in your career? Leonard Murry, Rich Tricarico, Paul Stuart, Eric Erlendson, Tim Slepetz, Mike Ragland, Ed Brinkley, Darrell Oliver, Robert Pilsucki, Adam Ashwood, Craig Furnieson, Jr., and Brenda Tincher.



Master Technician
Beverly F. Carroll

Entry Date: October 15, 1974
Retirement Date: November 30, 2002
Assignments: Fire and Rescue
Stations: 12, 25, 29, and 2.

Likes about the Fire Department: Being able to perform my job with the best equipment on the market. The great working relationships I've had with fellow workers.

Will miss about the Fire Department: The comradeship with my "second" family performing a job that I loved.
Plans for the future: Work and play golf at Lansdowne golf course. Never missing a sporting event for my son and daughter in high school. Being involved in youth sports in my community.
Words of wisdom: Perform your job to the best of your ability and remember safety first.
What got you interested in the fire service? Starting as a young volunteer in Shepherdstown, West Virginia – thanks to Frank Markstrom (retired) for getting me an application.
Who or what made an influence in your career? Tom Watson, Jack Akre, T-Mike Morrison, Chris Peterson, and Ed Neach (the best truckman in the business).



Lieutenant
Dennis C. Fiddler

Entry Date: February 28, 1977
Retirement Date: March 8, 2003
Assignments: 15, 25, 15, 21, 12, and 21.

Likes about the Fire Department: The friends I've made over 26 years on the job. The pay. The travel with VATF-1.

Will miss about the Fire Department: Being an instructor, technical rescue, the nights with little or no sleep, work performance test, missed meals, and VATF-1.
Plans for the future: Relax.
Words of wisdom: Always try to do the best job possible. Share your knowledge, especially with new department members.
What got you interested in the fire service? I became a volunteer in

Winchester, Virginia, at age 16.
Who or what made an influence in your career? Doug Turner, Chuck Marshall, Bill Sheads, Gene Gray, Stanley Majors, Bobby Rhea, and George Lewis.



Technician
Donald R. Jewett

Entry Date: December 5, 1977
Retirement Date: December 4, 2002
Assignments: Fire and Rescue
Stations: 11, 20, 9, 19, 11, 34, 26, 10, 11, and 35.

Likes about the Fire Department: Friends and shift work.
Will miss about the Fire Department: Friends and shift work.
Plans for the future: Moving to Virginia Beach, building a house, and being a boardwalk watcher.
Words of wisdom: Value your time – it goes by quickly.
What got you interested in the fire service? Liked the cause.
Who or what made an influence in your career? Battalion Chief Chris Hunter, Master Technician Kenny Sanders, and Billy Muzlin.



Battalion Chief
Ralph F. Phillips

Entry Date: January 24, 1972
Retirement Date: December 13, 2002.

Assignments: Fire and Rescue Stations: 11, recruit school, 8, 26, 12, 13, 29, 30, ACAD, EOC, Prevention, 25, BC04, and BC03.

Likes about the Fire Department: All the people that I have met and worked with.

Will miss about the Fire

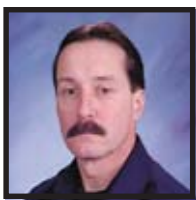
Department: The feeling of family.

Plans for the future: Not sure at this time, but will probably work a part-time job.

Words of wisdom: Treat others as you would want them to treat you.

What got you interested in the fire service? Not quite sure, probably the thrill of responding to calls.

Who or what made an influence in your career? Chief Chinn (retired).



Captain I
Michael J. Piantedosi

Entry Date: February 28, 1977

Retirement Date: November 29, 2002

Assignments: Fire and Rescue Stations: 9, 13, 15, 28, 18, 1, 4, 8, 12, 5, 30 and Relief.

Likes about the Fire Department: Having to quickly think and act on a job. Having the resources to be really good at what we do. The brotherhood and sisters of people in uniform who will put it on the line for each other. Making a difference in someone else's life when they are in need.

Will miss about the Fire

Department: Having the privilege to work with some of the most caring people on earth. First in on a job. Dinner time with a whole shift eating together, laughing, joking, and cutting up.

Plans for the future: Take advantage of business opportunities and new challenges available. Have nights and weekends to do stuff with my youngest before he leaves the nest. Slow down and take time to smell the roses with Mrs. P.

Words of wisdom: Respect tradition, celebrate diversity, welcome changes, accept challenges, always be ready, take a deep breath before you say that, and love life, we don't know what tomorrow brings.

What got you interested in the fire service? My two younger brothers and stepfather - all career fighters.

Who or what made an influence in your career? Steve Rhea, Mike Tamillow, Carl Maurice, Butch Sisler, Glenn Gaines. Mentoring: Jeff Coffman and Jeff Donaldson, competitiveness to learn and be the best we can be.



Master Technician
Kenneth "Puppy" Sanders

Entry Date: January 2, 1973

Retirement Date: January 10, 2003

Assignments: 23, 27, 5, 14, 28, 18, 28, 30, 5, 20, and 35.

Likes about the Fire Department: Having been properly trained and doing the very best I can for the citizens of Fairfax County, as well as being a part of a team that I hold in high regard. And of course the fire house family.

Will miss about the Fire

Department: The many bonds with others in the department along with the fire house life and the calls that are yet to come. I will miss assisting those in the future who are in need.

Plans for the future: I plan on always giving my wife and daughter 100 percent of my attention. Golfing and fishing will also be a must. Getting all the home projects completed. And finally, living my life to the fullest.

Words of wisdom: In this career a person must always be as focused as possible. From the firefighter to the chief of the department all attention and thoughts are as important.

What got you interested in the fire service? As long as I can remember, caring and giving to others was always stressed in my upbringing. Later in my life I met Jr. Gaines and the door opened to a career that best fits what I feel, best describes who I am . . . Firefighter.

Who or what made an influence in your career? Roy Wood, Bill Spalding, Marshal Curtis, John Harris, and Chris Hunter. These are just a few of the many that influenced me.



Captain II
Stuart L. Smith

Entry Date: December 5, 1977

Retirement Date: November 1, 2002

Assignments: Fire and Rescue Station 18, 10, 17, 25, 4, and 5.

Likes about the Fire Department: As everyone else who answered this question "the people." They are the family that makes this job so great.

Plans for the future: Have the time to finish all my projects and watch my kids grow up.

Words of wisdom: You can't buy time - retire as soon as you can to enjoy family and friends.

What got you interested in the fire service? The need to help people for a living.

Who or what made an influence in your career? Paul Nichols, Randy Kennedy, and the original county medics.



Fire Chief
Edward L. Stinnette

Entry Date: January 2, 1973

Retirement Date: May 2, 2003

Assignments: 13, 18, 28, 13, Training, 26, training, 1, BFC2, Lead BFC, DFCA, DFCC, DFC EMS, DC Operations, Fire Chief.

Likes about the Fire

Department: The people, the family, and opportunity to serve my community.

Will miss about the Fire

Department: The people, I have had the opportunity to work with some of the most dedicated firefighters and paramedics anywhere in the world.

Plans for the future: Too soon to decide.

Words of wisdom: No matter what rank you may obtain never forget where you came from. Always do the right thing.

What got you interested in the fire service? Several friends from high school and the military who were Alexandria firefighters.

Who or what made an influence in your career?

Captain Stewart Fox and Glenn Gaines.



Battalion Chief
Edward G. "Jerry" Wine

Entry Date: November 18, 1968

Retirement Date: November 29, 2002

Assignments: Fire and Rescue Station 3, 17, 13, 4, Research and Planning, BC01, BC02, BC06, Lead Battalion Chief, and Aide to Chief Isman.

Likes about the Fire

Department: The good feeling you get when helping others in a time when they most need assistance.

Will miss about the Fire

Department: Getting up at night for smells and bells and the great food that the fire house chefs will prepare and serve on a regular basis.

Mostly, I will miss the many great people that make up this department.

Words of wisdom: If you aspire to progress in this profession, enroll in and complete college. Do not spread rumors and gossip as they often hurt innocent people.

What got you interested in the fire service? My dad, who was a charter member of a volunteer fire department.

Who or what made an influence in your career?

Captain James S. Fox, Lieutenant Bob Powers, Chief Glenn Gaines, and Chief Isman.

Retirements

Master Technician Olin E. Carper
December 12, 1973 - December 27, 2002

Lieutenant Dennis C. Fiddler
February 28, 1977 - March 8, 2003

Lieutenant Lawrence A. Hanger
April 1, 1974 - February 7, 2003

Master Technician Stephen C. Hartman
June 28, 1971 - February 17, 2003

Captain I Gerald Jaskulski
September 29, 1975 - February 7, 2003

Technician Donald R. Jewett
December 5, 1977 - December 4, 2002

Lieutenant Patrick J. Morrison
July 26, 1982 - January 10, 2003

Lieutenant Calvin L. Parks
February 12, 1979 - January 24, 2003

Battalion Chief Ralph F. Phillips
January 24, 1972 - December 13, 2002

Technician Michael N. Ragland
December 5, 1977 - December 25, 2002

Firefighter Garfield R. Rodriguez
April 9, 1990 - February 7, 2003

Master Technician Kenneth W. Sanders
January 2, 1973 - January 10, 2003

Lieutenant Clayton J. Smith, Jr.
June 21, 1976 - December 13, 2002

Technician Homer M. Smith
January 16, 1974 - January 6, 2003

Lieutenant Wayne P. Smith
December 5, 1977 - December 19, 2002

Fire Chief Edward L. Stinnette
January 2, 1973 - May 2, 2003

Master Technician Kevin S. Swartz
January 24, 1983 - January 24, 2003

Battalion Chief Michael Tamillow
January 2, 1973 - November 29, 2002

Anniversaries

5 Years

Sharon D. Arndt,
Occupational Health & Safety
Program Manager
Technician Allen R. Batson
Technician Michael D. Brown
Acting Technician
Robert S. Browning
Technician Tie L. Burtlow
Firefighter Jose Calderon, Jr.
Technician Keith W. Cerzullo
Technician Donald R. Crum
Technician Laurie W. Dawson
Technician Alfred M. Doughty
Technician Terrance L. Fayson
Technician Thomas A. Ferguson
Diane K. Finch
Network/Telecommunications
Analyst I
Firefighter Stefan C. Gansert
Technician Todd R. Gorham
Firefighter James R. Hill, II
Firefighter Timothy D. James
Technician Timothy M. Kelly
Technician Edward J. Klima
Acting Technician
Jeffrey L. Mongold
Technician Richard A. Mungo
Technician Bryan J. Nix, Jr.
Firefighter Janet T. Norko
Firefighter Robert J. Pilsucki
Firefighter Samuel L. Porter
Acting Technician
Clifford A. Watson
Technician Oscar T. Wells, IV

10 Years

Technician Lillie Allen-Peyton
Paul J. Bertovich, Instructor III
Lieutenant Fred H. Brandell, Jr.
Firefighter Marlon J. Crockett
Bonita K. Diamantes,
Administrative Assistant III
Lieutenant Colin D. Flanigan
Technician Carles W. Horton, Jr.
Lieutenant Glenn D. Kaplan
Technician Ronald J. Kuley
Firefighter Carol A. Laymon
Lieutenant Steven T. McFarland

Lieutenant Victor M. Miller, Jr.
Lieutenant Matthew J. Nacy
Technician Timothy H. O'Toole
Lieutenant Ronnie A. Rodriguez
Captain I Robert P. Ruwe
Firefighter Richard S. Slepetz
Master Technician
Marc L. Straubinger
Technician Rex E. Strickland, III
Lieutenant Kenny J. Wolfrey

15 Years

Lieutenant Linda R. Arnold

20 Years

Firefighter Clayton L. Beall, Jr.
Captain I Paul T. Beardmore
Lieutenant Edward D. Bowman
Battalion Chief
Edward M. Brinkley
Joseph S. Chesak,
Automotive Mechanic II
Firefighter Kenneth W. Clark
Lieutenant John W. Fedorshik
Technician Kurt A. Hoffman
Lieutenant Richard L. Johnson
Lieutenant Michael W. Landstreet
Technician Andrew Makuch
Master Technician David J. May
Lieutenant Dale R. Moxley
Technician Mark A. Nash
Lieutenant John N. Oudekerk, Jr.
Captain I Gary D. Pemberton
Master Technician
Mark S. Pullman
Lieutenant Thomas W. Ryan
Firefighter Brian L. Saunders
Captain I James A. Sobota
Firefighter Leo T. Sullivan
Master Technician
Kevin S. Swartz
Firefighter Warren J. Trice
Lieutenant Danny R. Urps

25 Years

Captain I Charles L. Atkins, Jr.
Captain I Gary B. Bunch
Paul E. Carlin, Assistant Motor
Equipment Superintendent
Captain II Larry L. Collier
Firefighter Robert E. Curry
Lieutenant Alan G. Gray
Lieutenant Timothy R. Jeter

Lieutenant Michael P. Regan
Technician Michael J. Stock
Lieutenant Daniel L. Whitmer
Captain II Thomas V. Wolfe

30 Years

Battalion Chief Chris G. Hunter
Master Technician
Kenneth W. Sanders
Captain II Donald E. Simpson
Fire Chief Edward L. Stinnette

New Hires

Paula L. Polito
Administrative Assistant II

Sylvie J. Rodriguez
Administrative Assistant II

Jaime E. Russell
Administrative Assistant II





Station Profile

Tysons Corner Fire and Rescue Station #29

Captain II
Lawrence Nyers
Station Commander

Station constructed: 1977

Station specialty: High-rise operations, fire control rooms, and elevator operations. Station motto: "Protecting the Emerald City."

Square miles in first due area: 11.1

Specific hazardous/target areas: Wolf Trap Farm Park coverage, Maderia School, The Galleria at Tysons, residential and commercial high-rise buildings, and the Dulles Access Road.

Total calls in 2002: 6,800

Equipment assigned to station: Engine, truck, medic, medic reserve pumper reserve, and Battalion 402.

Station personnel: **A-Shift:** **Captain I Philip A. Pommerening**, Lieutenant Matthew J. Louzonis, Lieutenant John M. Yadlosky, Master Technician Nicholas Weresnick, Technician Jacques A. Cochran, Technician Michael L. Sease, Technician Michael J. Stock, Firefighter Daniel R. McNeece, Firefighter, Douglas L. Miller, Firefighter Steven C. Schellhammer, Firefighter Bryant L. Wiggins. **B-Shift:** **Captain II Lawrence Nyers**, Lieutenant Thomas J. Papoutsis, Lieutenant Andrew J. Pumphrey, Lieutenant Michael C. Schaff, Master Technician Frederick M. Ferraro, Technician Ronald B. Evans, Technician Michael N. Ragland, Firefighter Michael D. Allen, Firefighter Joseph V. Kovalsky, Firefighter Matthew E. Phillips, Firefighter Jennifer L. Svites. **C-Shift:** **Captain I Jaime T. Herbert**, Lieutenant Arnold J. Barrow, Lieutenant Kevin A. Edmondson, Technician Donald R. Brasfield, Technician Kenneth W. Cornett, Technician Patrick R. Raffert, Firefighter Hugh C. Clarke, Firefighter Michael O. Feaster, Firefighter Timothy D. James, Firefighter Steven T. Onufrey, Firefighter Derrick L. Penny.

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